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Nursing students, faculty debate testing policies

By Sidni Kirby
Online Editor

To curb rampant cheating, the TJC two-year nursing program changed their testing policy this spring.

However, numerous students are unhappy with the change, which provides students with a general concept review of missed questions instead of allowing them to see the correct answers after the test.

"Over the Christmas break, a new policy was enacted over a discussion board," said a nursing student who will graduate in May and who asked to remain anonymous for fear of repercussions. "I was OK with a concept review then, but after the first test came and went, and I received a general concept review, I realized they were a joke."

The new policy does not allow students to see the tests and their incorrect

answers in lieu of a "concept review." For example, if a student misses a few questions about diabetes, they are told to review the chapter covering diabetes instead of looking at the specific question and answer. But, according to the department chair of Associate Degree Nursing, Rebecca Seeton, students must request a review one-on-one with their faculty member.

"A lot of cheating was happening, and we had to take steps to correct it," Seeton said. "If a student is going to cheat on a test, who's to say they won't cheat on charts, on patients, on vitals, etc..."

Cheating is an issue for many nursing programs.

"Within nursing programs throughout Texas, there are significant problems with cheating," Dayna Davidson, director of associate degree nursing at Kilgore College, said.

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Don't break a leg Theater department faced with outdated facilities

By Dennis Gonsoulin
Multimedia Editor

Walking into Jean Browne Theatre on almost any given day, there is a flurry of hammering and drilling on the set for the upcoming production. Students can often be seen scaling ladders while attaching lighting equipment to the scaffolding above. But while these technicians appear to be seasoned pros, there is a very real danger that threatens them as they do their jobs, and has for the past several years.

According to Denise Weatherly-Green, the technical director and theater manager, she and the technicians work every day with worn-out equipment and electrical wiring that has not been updated in years due to lack of funds.

"Cables have proven to pose the risk of electrical shock," Weatherly-Green said.

She is not the only one concerned with the hazard.

"People have gotten shocked. Nothing major yet thankfully, but it's just a matter of time. The cables are so old and corroded

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GAME OVER



Photo by Griffin Blackburn

TJC baseball kicked out of the MAC

By Griffin Blackburn
Assistant Sports Editor

Tyler Junior College baseball is no longer a member of the Metro Athletic Conference due to a sudden change in the MAC by-laws.

"My news was given to me by the region five director at a NJCAA conference, and he had no idea the MAC had not contacted me," Dr. Tim Drain, athletic director for Tyler Junior College, said.

Losing the MAC membership means TJC will lose 36 games in their schedule making every game worth more on the road to a district tournament and a national championship.

"Being a member of a conference impacts how we qualify for district tournaments. We can still qualify for the district tournament as an independent, but we lose those 36 games," Dr. Drain said.

In order to get to the district tournament, TJC needs a winning percentage of at least .500. Los-

ing the 36 additional games makes every game the Apaches play worth more to their winning percentage.

It is similar to using eight tests to determine a semester grade, and then the professor takes away three of the tests at the end of the semester. Whether that student gets an A is determined by the strength of the five tests. This late in the semester, the student is worried if he will pass.

This decision, which went into effect April 1, came during the winter meeting of the MAC. The MAC made decisions on three areas of its membership: memberships of institutions participating at the scholarship and non-scholarship levels in one or more sports membership fees and single-sport memberships.

An e-mail sent from the desk of the Metro Athletic Conference states:

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TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Mike Carter Field, the baseball field where TJC's Baseball Team hosts its games, sits empty on April 27 due to weather. The next game will be on May 2 against Blinn College at 2 p.m.

DIVISIONS

TJC division III

TJC is currently considered a Division III institution. A Division III institution is a college that does not award scholarships to their athletes.

Division I

Awards full scholarships to its players

Division II

Awards partial scholarships

Division III

No scholarships are awarded

Addicts' money goes up in smoke due to tax increase

By Madison Payne
Managing Editor

Smoking addicts everywhere are noticing their pocketbooks weighing significantly less due to the new tax increase on cigarettes that went into effect April 1.

Ironically, their money is going up in smoke, because more and more people are smoking as a reaction to the economy.

In the state of Texas, tax on a pack of cigarettes has risen from 39 cents to \$1.01.

The tax increase will impact the average pack-a-day smoker by costing approximately \$368.65 more a year on cigarettes.

The 61- to 66-cent cigarette tax increase will help fund the State

Children's Health Insurance Program, according to Kristine Weaver, government relations director for Smoke Free Texas.

According to the Texas Cancer Facts and Figures, an estimated 3.3 million Texans over 18 years of age, or 19.3 percent of the adult population were current smokers in 2007.

People would assume that the tax increase would decrease the amount of people smoking cigarettes; however, this is proven to be wrong.

"Cigarette sales have increased actually," Ana Sadler, employee at Valero on the corner of Broadway and Amherst, said. "More people are just buying cigarettes by the carton, instead of by the pack."

As with any tax increase, there

will be people who favor the increase and there will be people who will oppose it.

"As a non-smoker, I'm actually really happy the price of cigarettes went up because hopefully it will deter people from buying them now. There is nothing worse than being stuck in a situation where you're in a public place and you can't avoid being around somebody else's secondhand smoke," Jen Dais, University of Arizona College



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[opinion]

column

GROW UP

Low student maturity level reflects badly on college

While walking through the beautiful and pleasant Tyler Junior College campus, it may not come as a surprise when people behind you begin yelling profanity to other students nearly across campus, interrupting the peaceful learning environment.

It seems that disturbances like this have become a regular part of TJC campus life. However, these disturbances and the numerous fights that break out each semester could severely damage the reputation of TJC.

Since January, Campus Safety has been called 36 times just for disturbance reports. That doesn't include the burglary, assault, harassment, criminal mischief, misconduct or code of conduct violations that are reported on a daily basis.

It came to light last semester that TJC had a problem with fights after two considerably large conflicts broke out at student activities just 18 days apart.

The Apache Pow Wow reported that the first fight happened during the Homecoming Dance on Oct. 11, 2008 near Rogers Student Center, and the second broke out at the Halloween Dance on Oct. 29, 2008 inside the Apache Rooms.

To be fair, Campus Safety did inform *The Apache Pow*



KAMREN THOMPSON

Wow that the people involved in the first fight were dressed casually at the formal event, meaning they may not have been students.

The second fight, however, was made up of so many TJC students that Campus Safety was outnumbered and had to call the Tyler Police.

The cause for the first fight is still unknown, but Campus Safety officers who were working security for the second dance reported that the fight broke out after a song was played.

The song was titled "Watch My Shoes" by 3 Deep. And I must first point out the irony of this situation. A fight breaks out during a song warning people, "Step on my whites, in the club we gon' fight." Clearly someone wasn't listening.

But more importantly I must point out the ridiculousness of the situation by stating the solution is either not



Illustration by Kamren Thompson

playing songs with negative messages like this one, or having mature students who can handle the music.

It's simple really. The two largest fights TJC has seen in recent years broke out at student activities. It's not rocket science that if students don't stop the fights, the administration will.

However, that is only a small portion of the disturbances reported. Students should still be aware of who is listening when they publicly share what's on their mind.

TJC often has children from local schools on campus for various exhibits. What kind of example are we setting at a college when children leave campus not remembering the constellations from the planetarium, but instead a new string

of curse words to try out on the playground?

Also, in some cases, public profanity is illegal. According to Title 9 of the Texas State Penal Code, swear words can constitute a form of disorderly conduct. Section 42.01 reads, "A person commits an offense if he intentionally or knowingly uses abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language in a public place, and the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace."

I don't think the administration should have to step in. I also don't think we need harsher punishment or more diligent Campus Safety officers. I think we simply need our students to behave in a mature, respectful manner that is representative of TJC.



editorial

Ratings increasing for comedic, sarcastic news

Parody news programs have been sweeping television ratings in recent years, as younger audiences prefer their information to be immersed in sarcasm, irony and ridicule.

The Onion, a parody news publication, boasts a slogan of "America's finest news source," which is a pretty big statement coming from a vegetable. However, the numbers are beginning to support their claim.

A not-so-new trend of taking the day's headlines and trying to get a laugh out of them, no matter how serious they are, is found on every information-gathering medium. Late night TV hosts like Johnny Carson have been poking fun at news since the 60s; however, the popularity of sarcastic news sources like *The Onion* and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" have grown exponentially.

The Onion reports on ludicrous topics such as recalling all paper currency in the United States due to a health hazard. Really, none of it is true, but cable shows have taken over to discredit relevant topics.

Shows like "The Daily Show," and "The Colbert Report" are reaching ratings of over 2 million, making it apparent that serious reporters have taken a backseat to witty comedians behind news desks.

But what does this say about the viewers? Some would argue that the Americans watching these shows do not care about the issues and would prefer a cheap laugh rather than being educated on the topics of the day.

There is an argument that has been waged between psychologists that sarcasm could be a sign of higher intelligence and shows a level of wit. This might be true since none of these jokes would be funny to someone that is not aware of the issues.

If you asked any reputable news or-

ganization what their mission is, it is most likely to uncover the issues, report only the facts and present it to the readers or viewers in an unbiased form so that they can make their own decision on the issue. That is not necessarily the case in these programs.

Lately, the highest rated shows on cable television, such as "Hannity" or "The O'Reilly Factor," have leaned left or right, all the while blaming the other side for the recession and other national problems. It is becoming increasingly rare to find a program that is not at least a little biased.

"The Daily Show" might be completely ridiculous, but it is possibly the most evenly balanced program. It targets both sides of the political spectrum equally. There is no topic that they will not cover, but almost everything they do include in the broadcast is of national interest.

On April 20, they did a "tea party" story, mostly just to criticize the people that were involved in the demonstration. John Oliver, a reporter for the show, told a man in his interview that he wanted to run him "through with a bayonet" for wearing an early American style hat. The punch line for the joke was that Oliver has a prominent British accent.

Steven Colbert of "The Colbert Report" is just as absurd. He does the show using a fictional personality that mocks all of the popular extremist shows. He addresses his audience as "nation" and even ran for president in both primaries of the 2008 election. How much more balanced can you get?

Regardless of the mannerisms he takes, he constantly derided former President George W. Bush and continues the assault on current President Barack Obama. Despite all of this, both shows continue to rise in popularity and have vaulted this trend of sarcastic news into



Photo by Leonard Ortiz/Orange County Register/KRT

JUST JOKIN' Jon Stewart hosts the "78th Annual Academy Awards" at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood in 2006.

the mainstream.

In a time of economic instability and political unrest, maybe it's a good thing that we can maintain our sense of humor despite the gloomy conditions. It also reminds us, sometimes sadistically, that the people running our country are simply human and cannot be expected to perform perfectly. The best decisions are not always made, but it would be unrealistic and un-American not to question our leaders and demand the highest standards from them. If you can look past their jokes and snide remarks, you would see that Jon Stewart and Steven Colbert are very American and hold the country in the highest regards, but someone has to play devil's advocate.

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letter to the editor

TJC CHEER TEAM

Thanks again for the meeting. I really appreciate that very much. My viewpoint on the article, I honestly think it could have had a better choice of words, starting with the title. That title can send a mixed message and did to my cheerleaders.

As the coach for TJC Cheer, it made me and my cheerleaders feel their hard work was not supported, nor did anyone appreciate TJC cheerleaders bringing home a 5th place national title. Since 1997, TJC has never placed higher than 7th place and hasn't competed on a NCA College level since 2003.

My cheerleaders were proud of their 5th place trophy and brought it home with their heads held high. Some things in the article were true, but the overall article didn't come across as a positive experience.

I hope going forward when writing articles about TJC cheer, there will be more positive rather than negative type words used.

Charles Chester
 Cheer Coach

Editor's Note: *The Apache Pow Wow* apologizes for the headline and any misrepresentation of the TJC Cheerleading Team's achievements at their nationals competition featured in the March 27 issue of *The Apache Pow Wow*.

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College Prep. classes make policy changes to help students

By Courtney Hodgkins
Staff Writer

Many students are looking to find changes in the College Preparatory courses and the committee is trying new changes. Although many students feel College Prep. courses are a waste of time, the TSI committee (Texas Success Initiative) had an initial meeting and is trying new course requirement changes to benefit more students.

College Prep. courses began at Tyler Junior College in 1982. At that time, the course number designated the developmental education courses for the first time on campus. Prior to 1982, these types of courses were offered as special sections in

regular courses for those students who needed extra help.

Although these courses count for or against a student's GPA on campus, they are not included in a transferring GPA.

The changes being made are for "the student's success," said Butch Hayes, TJC Provost.

The TSI committee met and made four significant changes to these courses.

Instead of students needing a C to graduate, a D is acceptable for graduation.

"My concern about allowing students to pass to the next level with a D is students may not be ready for the next level," said Linda Bellington, instructor of College

“Although I do not agree with College Prep. classes, I think these changes will encourage students to get the work done...”

— Whitney Flewellen
Math 0303 Student

Prep. Mathematics.

Teachers can no longer give a student an I.P. (in progress) for the class therefore a teacher must give a student an F for the class.

At the completion of the college prep. class, students will be rec-

ognized in a ceremony.

"Recognition is good because students come to TJC and have made progress, and that's one step closer to their goals," said Bellington.

All College-Prep. class syllabi will include an announcement that students can retake test to place out of their class at any time for \$15. If they pass, they may stop attending the class and will automatically receive an A for the class instead of having to drop and waste one of their five allotted drops.

Teachers are also encouraging students to test out by taking the THEA test. This spring semester, the math department offered tutorial classes to help students prepare for the test.

Lisa Harper, Dean of College Prep., said the changes that have been made so far were introduced by the Provost, presented to and voted on by the Academic Standards Committee, then communicated and activated by her. The changes made are in effect and will affect this spring semester, as well as the semesters that follow.

"Although I do not agree with College Prep. classes, I think these changes will encourage students to get the work done and get out," said Whitney Flewellen, Math 0303 student.

The changes that have been made are "to help students be successful; not for the teachers, but for the student," Hayes said.

Consequences of 'sexting' becoming problem for students

By Satin Scott
Student Life Editor

Some college students admit to having indulged in a phone activity called "sexting." Sexting is when someone sends sexually provocative pictures to others by a picture text message.

"I think it's alright. I've done it. It's their own privacy. In today's society not much you can do about it," said TJC student Geoff Starling.

Though it may seem typical of young people, they could be considered as registered sex offenders and charged with child pornography if the person in the picture was considered underage. A recent case is when highschool-aged girls took pictures in their bras and sent them to their male classmates. All of them were charged with child pornography.

"Each state is different. Any exposure to the unclothed breast, anus and genitals [of someone underage] are considered child pornography," said Detective Paul Robeson of Tyler Police Department.

Robeson said that according to the law anyone in possession of child

pornography could be charged, even if it was an obscene picture of themselves when they were under 18. He also said that if someone sent a picture of themselves when they were underage and is now over 18, whoever has the picture in that possession could still be charged with child pornography.

"It depends on how old she was when she took the picture," Robeson said. "Even college students who are 17 are considered to be underage and could get in trouble."

Students that take part in sexting receive pictures from classmates and sometimes from people off campus. However, some young adults do not know if the picture they received was from someone underage.

"If it's someone 18 and older, they should be tagged [for child pornography], but if they are underage, they shouldn't get charged, maybe a ticket," said Stefanie Davis, TJC student.

Other situations that could get a college student in trouble for sexting is if there is a picture that someone finds obscene, no matter what age they are.

Robeson said that in order for police to investigate someone would have

to make a complaint.

"What we do now is figure out who it came from. We can do search warrants on the cell phone and search all their records. We talk to witnesses, victims, suspects and contact their families," Robeson said. "We can take the cellphone for evidence and very rarely do they get it back."

Laws that pertain to sexting are under Penal Code Chapter 43 Section 43.22, 43.24 and 43.26, which state: "Obscene display or distribution. Sale, distribution, or display of harmful material. Possession or promotion of child pornography."

"It's a bad situation to be in. I say don't do it all. If she sends a naked picture, then you can delete it," said Kelcie Granberry, TJC student.

Robeson said that the person couldn't be charged if they received a picture they did not want or solicit.

"Find out how old people are before you engage into something like that. You have to be real careful," Robeson said.



Photo by Matt Sneed

SEXTING BECOMING A PROBLEM A TJC student is sending a message to his friends. A new form of messaging called "sexting" is happening all over the country and is becoming a problem among young people.

Adult workshop helpful for returning students

By Sidni Kirby
Online Editor

On April 21 adults over the age of 21 crowded into the Apache Rooms, eager to learn more about TJC and all the procedures involved in getting admitted, receiving financial aid and about each of the academic schools.

"We went over just the basics. It was college 101," Dr. Vickie Geisel, part time coordinator for adult services and special projects, said.

The crowd included an array of potential students attending, from single mothers looking for a better life for their families, to recently laid-off Goodyear Tire employees.

"I'm looking into my opportunities in forestry, but we have a few strings attached with what federal money will

pay for," Gary Costlow, a 54-year-old former Goodyear employee said.

Costlow worked at the Goodyear plant for 35 years and is looking forward to having a new career and doing something that he enjoys.

Another concern for some of the attendees is the economy. Many are worried that they won't have a job in a few months if they have one now.

"With the way the economy is, and having two children, I don't see another option," Melissa Vega, 28, said. "I want to be a dental hygienist. Right now I'm just doing labor-intensive work."

The workshop included speakers from Allied Health and Nursing, Applied Studies, University Studies and Continuing Studies. There were approximately 30 people in attendance. A packet was given out with information

about taking the Accuplacer, tips for returning to college, steps to admission and a registration guide for the summer.

"The workshop calmed my fears about coming back," Vega said. "They help with childcare and financial aid, which I will need."

As adults, some may have reservations about coming back to school or coming to college for the first time.

"Many have a fear of returning back to the classroom, but they have been successful in other areas of their lives, so we focused on that to help them calm their fears," Dr. Geisel said.

Many of the attendees said that they picked TJC because it was local and has a good reputation. Also, some said that it was nice that the school was eager to help.

NEWS IN BRIEF

TJC APACHE PREVIEW DAY TO BE MAY 2

The Tyler Junior College admissions office has planned Apache Preview Day, May 2, to give high school juniors and seniors a look at life at TJC. Students and Parents who attend Apache Preview receive free lunch and a TJC T-shirt. They'll be given a tour of the campus, including residence halls, and have an opportunity to meet with deans and academic advisors.

To register or receive more information about Apache Preview Day, go to www.tjc.edu or call 800-687-5680 and ask for the admissions office.

FORENSIC TEAM TO SHOWCASE TALENTS

Members of the Tyler Junior College forensic team will offer a showcase of their talents at 2:30 p.m. on May 3, in Jean Browne Theatre, located inside Wise Cultural Arts Center on the main campus. Admission will be free, and it is open to the public.

The showcase will be a variety of the team's competitive events including dramatic interpretation, prose interpretation, impromptu speaking, after dinner speaking, persuasive speaking and duo interpretation.

SWINE FLU FOUND ON NOTRE DAME CAMPUS

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tuesday confirmed a student at Notre Dame University contracted swine flu.

The Student, after falling ill almost a week ago, has recovered and is in good health. It is the first confirmed case of the disease — North American Human Influenza A, commonly known as swine flu in Indiana.

Moskewski said Health Services followed standing testing protocol when the student displayed typical symptoms of seasonal influenza — sore throat, chills, head and body aches, cough and fever.

A university official said there is "no cause for panic" but rather encouraged taking steps to prevent the spread of the illness. She went on to say residence hall rectors are being notified and plans are being made to educate the students about illness prevention.

According to a University press release, classes and final exams will continue as scheduled.

Universities see increase in applications, enrollment

By Jessica Cline
Rocky Mountain Collegian

Despite the sickened economy, application and enrollment numbers for colleges across the U.S. are increasing.

For Colorado State University's 2009-2010 school year, application numbers have increased by almost 10 percent for in-state students and 4 percent for out-of-state students from last year's numbers.

In the 2008-2009 school year, there were a total of 14,017 applicants for admittance into CSU. To date, CSU has received 15,028 freshman applications and 2,150 transfer student applicants, but these numbers are not final because applications are being accepted through July 1.

"Our application numbers are up by about 1,000 applications for freshmen," said Larry Belasco, a CSU statistical analyst for Admissions. "We think that it is because of the economy being the way it is: People are deciding to stay in state to keep costs down."

Out of the 2,150 transfer students, based on credits transferred, about 50 percent are freshmen, 25 percent are sophomores, 15 percent are juniors and 10 percent are seniors.

Belasco said CSU is still accepting all qualified students and will continue to do so until the deadline. Overall he said the budget cuts and the weak economy have not deterred increases in admissions or enrollment.

Resident tuition is \$5,870 per year,

NUMBERS

Universities saw an increase in the number of applications last year:

Dartmouth: 9 percent
Harvard: 5 percent
Yale: 14 percent
Brown: 21 percent

not including living expenses or books. According to various university Web sites, attending an out-of-state college is often double or triple this amount before considering scholarships or financial aid.

Additionally, enrollment numbers are up not only in Colorado, but nationwide. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college enrollment in two- and four-year colleges and universities throughout the nation is up 17 percent since the year 2000.

"(Enrollment) is a year-by-year thing — it depends on the economy and how attractive the school is to the seniors graduating from high school," Belasco said.

"We hope application numbers keep increasing, and we are doing everything we can to keep them increasing, but we will just have to wait and see what happens."

Even the Ivy League schools, which can be several times more expensive in tuition costs than in-state schools like CSU, have seen increased application

numbers for the upcoming school year.

"Our application numbers as well as the number of students that we admitted for the 2009-2010 school year increased from last year," an admissions assistant from Harvard said in a telephone interview.

"The number of applicants we had increased by over 100 students for the upcoming year."

All of the Ivy League schools, with the exception of the University of Pennsylvania, which received 90 fewer applications this year than last year, witnessed increased application numbers.

Brown saw a 21 percent increase in applications from last year. Dartmouth saw a 9 percent increase. Harvard saw a 5 percent increase, and Yale saw a 14 percent increase.

According to Nancy Jianakoplos, a CSU economics professor, college becomes a more appealing option to people when the job market is limited and the economy is slow.

"For many people the 'opportunity' costs of going to college are lower now," Jianakoplos said. "With unemployment up, people who go to college will not be giving up the alternative option of a well-paying job, so going to college becomes a more attractive option."

What is beneficial and the best college option varies from person to person, she said.

"Each person must decide on the benefits versus the costs of going to college now," Jianakoplos said.

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SMOKE

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of Medicine student, said. "If raising the cost of cigarettes has a positive effect on smoking secession then I am all for it. The money the smokers would save if they quit won't even come close to the costs of medical care if they were to develop a chronic health problem such as emphysema or lung cancer as a result of their smoking."

Smokers may not agree with the tax increase and may feel that their tax money should not go to the government.

"I think that if the tax money was going to help diseases and health problems that are caused by smoking, then I would be all for it," Jake Harris, Tyler resident, said. "I think it is actually bringing the economy down, because an addiction is an addiction, and smokers are going to smoke regardless. So in the end, smokers are just losing more money."

Catholics protest against Obama

By Amanda Hoffstrom
UWire

The pick of President Barack Obama to give Notre Dame's commencement speech and receive an honorary Doctorate of Law degree in May has sparked controversy between Catholic groups, students, the university's administration and the White House.

Though Notre Dame's President John Jenkins said Obama's invitation should not be seen as "condoning or endorsing his positions on specific issues regarding the protection of life," Catholic groups locally and nationally have condemned the decision.

The Cardinal Newman Society, a group dedicated to strengthening Catholic identity at America's Catholic colleges and universities, launched a Web site that includes an online petition against Obama's speech. The petition had 197,000 signers, as of Saturday morning.

Joseph Scheidler, director of the Pro-Life Action League and a Notre Dame alumnus, told Notre Dame's student newspaper and UWIRE affiliate, The Observer, the university's decision is "an insult to all Notre Dame stands for." The Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League issued a news release Friday asking Jenkins to withdraw

his invitation to Obama.

Scheidler said he plans to protest during the months before Obama's commencement speech and on graduation day outside Notre Dame's Joyce Center, where the speech will take place.

While some students have formed Facebook groups in support of Jenkins' decision, others joined a coalition of student groups that has used the Internet to denounce the university's choice. The coalition includes Notre Dame Right to Life, Notre Dame College Republicans and the Irish Rover student newspaper, among others.

In response to the controversy, the White House released a statement that said Obama welcomes the "spirit of debate and healthy disagreement on important issues."

"While he is honored to have the support of millions of people of all faiths, including Catholics with their rich tradition of recognizing the dignity of people, he does not govern with the expectation that everyone sees eye to eye with him on every position," the White House statement said.

"We are not ignoring the critical issue of the protection of life. On the contrary, we invited him because we care so much about those issues, and we hope ... for this to be the basis of an engagement with him," Jenkins said.

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it's really not safe, but we do it anyway," Libby Harmon, sophomore technician, said.

Bill King, physical plant director, after taking a walk-through of the facilities, agrees that there is a danger.

"In my estimation, the wiring and electrical problem does pose a safety risk to those working with it," King said.

But the problem extends past the faulty wiring. Tools and climbing equipment have presented a concern as well. Weatherly-Green and the other technicians regularly climb 30 feet into the air on a broken extension ladder to hang lights.

Harmon herself had a dangerous experience when working on a Genie, which is a manually operated cherry picker device. A cable snapped and sent her plummeting several feet. Fortunately, the device stopped descending before it hit the ground and others working with her were able to remove her before it fell farther.

"The experience was terrifying. I really could have gotten hurt," Harmon said.

With lights and cables that are short-circuiting, the problems of both theaters have affected a show on more than one occasion, including one performance of the Apache Belles show this semester when all the lights in the theater short-circuited, delaying the show for several minutes.

With all these issues at hand threatening the safety of students working inside the theater, it is important for the theater to be updated to eliminate safety risks. But the funds to begin the renovation have not been made available to the theater department.

Jean Browne Theatre is allotted an annual budget for maintenance and upkeep of the theater and its equipment. The maintenance budget for fall 2008 through spring 2009 for Jean Browne Theatre was \$5,000, most of which has already been spent on eight new-generation tools and a roll of black fabric to make a curtain. Wise Auditorium does not have any funds allotted for maintenance.

At the beginning of the semester, Weatherly-Green appealed to the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee, or SSFAC, with a request for funding to update the equipment.

A detailed list of everything that was needed as a minimum to get started on the necessary renovation was presented. The total cost of all materials for the two theaters was over \$44,000, but Weatherly-Green stressed in her presentation that the theater department would be thankful for any funds that the committee was willing to grant, even if it was just a few hundred dollars.

Unfortunately, the committee denied the entire request and did not grant any funds. According to Taylor Jett, the former

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— Denise Weatherly-Green
Technical Director and Theater Manager

chair of SSFAC, the funds were not granted because the Texas Education code does not allow student life fee money to be used for buildings or facilities.

The physical plant is working with the theater department in every way they can to come up with a plan to update the theaters.

"Bill King is serious about taking care of any safety risks. They have been really supportive along with Dean Figueroa," Weatherly-Green said.

Weatherly-Green is actively working on taking inventory and evaluating all the equipment and the physical space itself in order to give a report to the administration on all the work that needs to be done.

In the meantime, she and the rest of the technicians must make do with what they have, which often means carting old equipment back and forth between the two theaters, as there is not enough equipment for both spaces. Wise does not even contain its own drill, a basic necessity for any theater.

"All this work cuts our man hours in half. Often times I end up putting in three-to-four times the physical hours I should theoretically have to in order to work around the dangerous and outdated equipment. I'm used to making something out of nothing," Weatherly-Green said.

Even beyond making the technicians' work safer and more productive, the renovations could drastically increase energy efficiency and in the long run save costs. According to Weatherly Green, the new generation instruments burn 40 percent less energy than the old ones they are working with.

"We could be much more energy efficient if we would sink the initial funds into the new equipment. In the long run, it would more than pay for itself in energy costs," Weatherly-Green said.

However, until the funds come through to bring all the equipment up to date, the show will still go on, and the associated risks and costs will remain in the backdoor.

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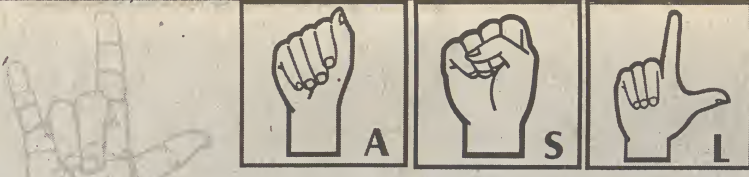




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East Texans support local music scenes

By Sarah Hall
Staff Writer

One of the least expected places to find for live music in Tyler is Brookshires on Rice Road. Most students don't know that inside of this grocery store is a café called Java Jams.

Although Java Jams doesn't have live music every night, there is typically some sort of acoustic show going on Saturday nights. Shows like these are just one example of ways that concerts and live music venues can keep students busy throughout the summer heat.

"Java Jams is one of the few places in this town that gives me an opportunity to play and showcase my music. It's laid back and it offers a good playing atmosphere," guitarist Caden Crawford said.

This summer Java Jams is hosting Ramoth Gilead, a regular player at the café, on June 6 and Mike Harper on June 20. The summer is not completely planned out yet, but will be soon. The best part of Java Jams, apart from the live music, is that it is free, and many times during the shows, drinks are discounted.

Even though the drive to Dallas is two hours long, it may be worth the time and money to make trips to places such as Six Flags Over Texas for their Starburst's Concert Series. This series lasts all summer and is free with admission into the park. Expected performers this summer include Miranda Cosgrove, Boys Like Girls, and Mitchel Musso. Another event taking place throughout the entire 2009 season at the amusement park is the "Live and Local" concert series that kicked off in February. Live and Local is a concert series that welcomes local Texas bands to perform in order to help expose their music to as many people as possible. Tyler's own Seymoure and The Rad participated this year.

Celebrating their 15-year anniversary, The Van's Warped Tour will be stopping in Dallas again this year at the SuperPages.com Center. The Warped Tour will be July 5 for those music lovers wanting some post Independence Day excitement. Just a few of the 52 bands scheduled to play include 3OH!3, Senses Fail, and Underoath. Tickets are available at TicketMaster.com and vary in price.

For those students who can't afford trips to Dallas, Click's Billiards has various concerts each month and supports Tyler's music scene by giving local bands a place play.

Not only has Click's hosted Tyler's Cinder Cell and the Longview band The Vehicle Reason, they have also played host to bands such as Hinder and Flyleaf.

"I like playing there because of the atmosphere. You can be on a big stage just like the big and famous bands that play there and still be right in front of your hometown fans," Cinder Cell drummer Kip Krugler said.

Upcoming shows at Click's include:



Photos by Sarah Hall

ROCKING OUT Above, Julian Posada and Ben Stuart perform live at the Java Jams Café in Brookshires on Rice Road. Below, local musician Thomas Krugler plays the bass.



Sevendust with Born 2 Nothing and Early Pearl on May 6 and The Toadies on May 15.

"We also do tournament style Texas Hold 'em Mondays and Wednesdays, no buy in and cash prizes," Mike Gillespie, a manager at Click's, said.

For those willing to drive just a few minutes down the road there are plenty of musical events happening all across East Texas. According to the popular website Eventful.

com, there are around 50 events in the Tyler, Kilgore and Longview areas. Events range from Rush of Fools performing at Teen Mania Ministries in Lindale on July 20, to multiple concerts at Kilgore's popular venue The Side Pocket Lounge.

For more information visit www.clickslive.com, www.sixflags.com, www.warped-tour.com, or look up any concert or event at www.eventful.com.

UNCERTAIN FUTURES

Theater degree hard to transfer

Drama students can't continue major locally

By Krysten Hanger
Staff Writer

In 2006, the University of Texas at Tyler dropped their theater degree causing students to change their minds about their futures. This not only affects the UT-Tyler students, but also the TJC students.

This semester, TJC has 19 theater majors. Dr. David Crawford speculates that about 10 of these will be transferring next semester.

"I would probably stay around if UT [Tyler] had a theater major, it would just depend on how good the program was," TJC student Stormy Philpot said.

Some students end up dropping their associates degree from TJC because they have nowhere to transfer that is close. Also, they may not have the money it takes to receive a B.A. from another four-year university because of the expense of relocating and tuition.

"Getting your bachelor's degree is very important," said Crawford. "Your experience in college is very significant to casting agents."

Over the years, Crawford has received his Associate of Arts at TJC, Bachelor of Science at North Texas State University, Master of Arts at Stephen F. Austin and Doctor of Philosophy at Texas Tech University. He now teaches six theater and speech classes at TJC and has been a professor for 33 years.

"Never look for opportunities to fail. Always look for opportunities to succeed. Although these schools are expensive, if you really want a degree, nothing should stop you," Crawford said.

Some of the more popular schools for theater majors to attend are Texas State University, Brown University, Oklahoma City University and University of North Texas.

"I believe there will be missed opportunities if UT-Tyler never allows a B.A. in theater again, but I think eventually they will open it back up," Crawford said.

One UT-Tyler student who changed her major due to the theater degree not being available is Lauren Confer. She is now majoring in psychology.

"When I first came to UT [Tyler], I took a lot of theater classes, and my love for it grew. I decided to major in theater, only to be told they only offered a minor," said Confer.

"Honestly, I believe that it would benefit UT [Tyler] to reopen their theater degree again," said Lindsay Laperriere, a former TJC student.

Laperriere now takes classes at UT-Tyler but is transferring to Texas State to receive a B.A. in musical theater.

Top 20 summer 2009 blockbusters to play on silver screen

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

Pardon the Gene Roddenberry split infinitive, but the trick with most summer pictures, as the studios define them, is to boldly take audiences where audiences have been before, with just enough variation in the routing to make the trip interesting.

It's why God invented sequels and franchises: to give us all déjà vu, and make us pay for the experience. And like it.

Summer begins earlier each year, with the May 1 release of "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," also known as Hugh Jackman's workout video. A week later brings "Star Trek," the early, hormonally addled years.

Here's a quick game of 20 Questions, covering highlights (We hope! We always hope.) from the Summer of 2009. Dates subject to change.

1. Is it long and pointy, and does it shoot out of the top of my hand? Yes, it does, and in "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," Hugh Jackman and his trucker sideburns take on Liev Schreiber's Sabretooth and his sideburns. Opens May 1.

2. Is this the summer of prequels, or what? It is, yes, and the new "Star Trek" will introduce a new generation to some deeply beloved science fiction mythology. With luck the oldsters will go for director J.J. Abrams' vision too. Opens May 8.

3. Will the Catholics like the new one better than "The Da Vinci Code"? Maaaybe, but in "Angels & Demons," Tom Hanks and director Ron Howard reteam for another one of Dan Brown's paranoid symbol-laden thrillers, this

one involving the Illuminati's nefarious plans for the Vatican. Opens May 15.

4. How do you solve a problem like a cyborg? In the reboot of the "Terminator" franchise, "Terminator Salvation," Christian Bale takes on an evil computer network and its metallic minions in post-apocalyptic 2018, under the direction of McG (who did the "Charlie's Angels" films). Opens May 21.

5. What's next, the Field Museum? Ben Stiller returns to guard duty in "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," co-starring Amy Adams as Amelia Earhart. Plus a special effect or two. Opens May 22.

6. How high is up? The new Disney/Pixar feature, "Up," follows on the Pixar heels of two of my favorite films of the last two years, "Ratatouille" and "WALL-E." Can they do it again? This one opens the Cannes Film Festival on May 13, and opens near you May 29.

7. Is it stranger than the TV series? The big-screen version of "Land of the Lost" stars Will Ferrell as a scientist battling dinosaurs and the series' signature lizardfolk, the Sleestaks. Anna Friel and Danny McBride co-star. Opens June 5.

8. Will it make Chicagoans long for a ride on the CTA? Director Tony Scott's remake of the 1974 "Death Wish"-era thriller, "The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3," has John Travolta messing with Denzel Washington's Manhattan subway system. Opens June 12.

9. Is it healthier than the diet soda I just bought at the concession counter? The documentary "Food, Inc." questions what we put in our gullets, where it comes from, why some of it got past the FDA in the first place, and what we

can do about it. Opens June 12.

10. Is it funnier than the Ringo Starr vehicle "Caveman"? In "Year One," directed by Harold Ramis, Jack Black and Michael Cera play what Ramis describes as "the two worst hunter-gatherers" of the Stone Age, discovering for themselves a whole new world beyond what they've known. Opens June 19.

11. Can Music Box Films do it again? Chicago's homegrown film distributor scored a big art-house success with last year's "Tell No One"; their new acquisition, "Seraphine," another French-language success, is based on the real-life relationship between outsider artist Seraphine Louis and art collector Wilhelm Uhde. Opens June 19.

12. Might this be a match made in sardonic ham-on-wry heaven? The new Woody Allen film "Whatever Works" stars Larry "Curb Your Enthusiasm" David as a misanthrope with, one hopes, the comic timing to bring out the best in Allen's script. Opens June 19.

13. Is it louder than the first "Transformers"? I'M SORRY, WHAT? Director Michael Bay reunites with Shia LaBeouf and Megan Fox for "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," which promises to be all, like, ka-BOOOOOM and "AAAAHHHH! LOOK OUT!" and deeply profitable. Opens June 24.

14. Will it do the gangster genre proud? "Public Enemies." Dillinger. Hoover. Melvin Purvis. Biograph Theater. Bullets. Banks. Johnny Depp. Christian Bale. Marion Cotillard. Billy Crudup. Director Michael Mann. Opens July 1.

15. Will audiences turn out for an Iraq War movie that's actually good? In director Kathryn Bigelow's "The Hurt Locker," we're taken into

the mind-set and the day-to-day, life-and-death routine of those who defuse improvised explosive devices for a living. I saw this last year at the Toronto Film Festival, and it's the first Iraq-themed movie (not counting the odd home-front picture) to transcend the usual polemics and politics and concentrate, intently, on the human factor. Opens July 10.

16. Will the second-to-last be one of the best? "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," finally. Opens July 15.

17. Is it bigger than a breadbox? How about a whole fryer? In "Julie & Julia," Meryl Streep, newly crowned queen of the summer blockbuster, thanks to "The Devil Wears Prada" and "Mamma Mia!," stars as Julia Child, with Amy Adams as the young secretary devoted to her recipes. Opens Aug. 7.

18. Where were you in '69? "Taking Woodstock" adapts Elliot Tiber's comic novel for the screen, directed by Ang Lee, starring Comedy Central fixture Demetri Martin. Opens Aug. 14.

19. Will it erase memories of "Somewhere in Time"? Rachel McAdams stars in "The Time Traveler's Wife," the film version of the best seller about a man (Eric Bana) who can't stay in one time zone and the woman (McAdams) who copes with the commuting issues. Opens Aug. 14.

20. Is the title spelled correctly? No, but it's on purpose, because the original "Inglorious Basterds" rolled the same way. Quentin Tarantino wages World War II with a cadre of Jewish-American soldiers out for revenge. Brad Pitt stars. Opens Aug. 21.

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Group seeks to 'Steal, Kill and Destroy' addiction

By Lea Rittenhouse
Staff Writer

Stella Malone, 22, found herself alone in a hospital room with 17 staples in her arm. She had cut herself with a kitchen knife, almost slashing her main artery.

After a weekend of binge drinking, Malone got in a fight with her mom that ended with her cutting herself with a serrated kitchen knife.

"It wasn't just a cut; it was a laceration that was so deep," Malone said.

She was put in a behavior health clinic.

While she was there she asked God for hope.

"I was like, 'God if you're real, I need to feel you. I need to see you, I need you to do something in my life,'" Malone said.

Malone was diagnosed with Bipolar disorder and Depression at the age of 13.

"I lived my life with a cloud over me, with doctors telling me I had all of this stuff wrong with me like how I would be depressed forever. All of these really sad things," Malone said.

She started abusing alcohol and marijuana at the age of 13 or 14 years old.

"I did a lot of things to be accepted, and I did a lot of things out of loneliness," Malone said.

Malone started using other substances such as Xanax, Hydrocodone and Vicodin.

"Throughout my school years, I was really big into Xanax. It was something that really took me away from whatever I was facing in the day," Malone said.

Before Malone graduated high school she started using Ecstasy. This habit caused her to have anxiety problems, Malone said.

On June 21, 2004, her close friend died of an overdose of Oxycontin and Xanax.

Malone vowed to never use drugs again, but shortly after she moved to Dallas for college her feelings of loneliness returned and she fell back into her habits of partying and Ecstasy.

"I literally thought I was losing my mind. I thought I was seeing things. I was hearing voices, and I wanted to kill myself," Malone said.

Malone's last experience with hard drugs was in 2004. She stopped using because she thought she saw the ghost of her friend who had died.

Although she became drug free, alcohol was still a problem in her life.

"I got tired of it. I got tired of living that life. I got tired of trying to fill voids with alcohol and drugs, with substances and self-mutilation," Malone said.

After the confrontation with her mom and cutting herself, Malone stopped drinking and turned her life around completely.

Malone is now actively seeking God in her life and is the leader of a local organization called Steal, Kill and Destroy that



Photo by Lea Rittenhouse

COMING TOGETHER Members of SKAD huddle in prayer outside of a Tyler Starbucks.

she started during the summer of 2008.

SKAD is an organization of young people reaching out to other young people with love.

It was originally started to raise awareness about drug addiction, suicide, and other destructive behaviors.

"It turned into a movement of love, a movement of acceptance, and to promote positive lifestyles to youth because they are important," Malone said.

SKAD is a faith-based organization, but they do not want to push their faith on anyone.

"What we are trying to do is just show them love and compassion through all circumstances no matter what their beliefs are," Malone said.

SKAD is not affiliated with any one church.

Jacob Page, a Bible major at TJC and a recovering drug addict, attends SKAD regularly. Page recently lost his house and both of his parents in a house fire on March 4, 2009.

"SKAD has really helped me through what I was going through," Page said, "They are real people who really love God."

SKAD is based on the Bible verse John 10:10 that says: "the thief comes to steal kill and destroy; I come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

The organization meets on Tuesdays for a leadership meeting and Thursday nights for an event called Community Night that is held at Starbucks on South Broadway Avenue. At community night the kids talk about issues going on in their lives and sometimes a topic from the Bible.

Anyone is welcome to Community Night.

The local music scene plays a big role in SKAD's outreach. They believe music has a big influence on people's lives.

"We like to promote at concerts, that's mostly the scene that we are in," Samantha McMahn, 17-year-old Chapel Hill high school student and member of SKAD, said.

The organization is in need of funding in order to hold community events and functions. The members of SKAD say that God is faithful and will give them what they need if it is his plan.

Malone hopes SKAD will truly impact people.

"I don't want this to be a trend. I don't want this to be a fad. I don't want this just to be the next big thing. I want this to be something that truly impacts and changes lives," Malone said.

For more information contact Stella Malone at StellaSKAD@gmail.com, or visit www.myspace.com/stealkillanddestroy.

Dorm residents moving out, RAs' needed for next semester

By Tommie Matteucci
Staff Writer

May 8, a day that will live in infamy for students living on campus. With finals done, these students will have one mighty task left before they depart from the sacred halls of Tyler Junior College.

The Housing Department now asks all students who are not taking a summer course to move out for the summer.

"On finals week, the Housing Department will have staff located in the lobby of each hall," Housing Director of TJC, Angela Nunez said. "From 10 a.m. until 8 p.m., there is always someone in the lobby to help check out a resident. Whenever a resident is ready for checkout, if we find anything in the room that was not on their inventory sheet we fine the student a damage fee."

Inventory sheets are a form students fill out on move-in day. It contains the current condition of the room on check-in and the RA checks the sheet against the room on checkout. If anything is damaged, the student is fined a damage fee. However, the fee is different depending on what is damaged.

"Say the student scratched their name in the

"I'm not ready to go. I'm from the country and there's nothing to do back at home."

— Bre'Anna Loftis
TJC Dorm Resident

wall," Angela Nunez said. "That's us. Having to contract out a painter which could cost around 200 dollars. If they broke their chair, we look up the price, and fine the student accordingly. If a student doesn't check out, they just take their stuff and leave; they are charged a \$100 improper checkout fee."

Students are already getting ready and plans are being formulated for that fateful day. Bre'Anna Loftis has her game plan set to move out of her dorm in Louise H. and Joseph Z. Ornelas Residential Complex, but looks forward to returning this fall.

"My boyfriend and my dad are bringing their trucks over. I got two truckloads to fill," Loftis said. "I'm not ready to go. I'm from the country and there's nothing to do back at home."

Rebecca Smith, also living in Ornelas, isn't expecting to fill two trucks, but she does have her plan set.

"I'll have a friend or two to help me out," Loftis said. "I'm just packing and loading everything up in my car. I have a lot of stuff though, I'm a pack rat."

The halls will close for the summer, with the exception of a few for summer classes. All the halls will re-open for the Fall 2009 semester.

Although residents are moving out of the dorms, Residential Life and Housing are looking to hire more resident assistants (RA).

"We take applications year round," said Angela Nunez, director of housing at TJC. The housing department employs 28 RAs on campus, with one RA per floor in each residence hall. That makes four in Bateman, four in Claridge, two in Holley, three in Hudnall, two in Louis, two in Sledge, two in Vaughn, two in West and seven in Ornelas. We will continue accepting applications, even when we are fully staffed. Something may happen, such as grades. We usually like to keep about two to three people in an alternate pool."

Any student interested in becoming an RA can come to the housing department to fill out

a sign-in sheet, so that housing employees may contact and ask the recipient questions.

"They will fill out a resume," Nunez said. Then they are pulled into a group interview and a personal interview with the RD."

The Housing Department offers a compensation package for all RAs on staff, a free room and board and food. The Residence directors also receive an additional \$650 along with the package.

Davis Poscente lived in Ornelas and was also an RA. He said the benefit is worth the extra effort.

"Get to know your residents mostly. Learn their tendencies, how they act, who comes in late, who studies a lot," Poscente said. "Also be involved. Just be around, don't stay in your room all the time so people can find you. Be ready for work — from duty at the front desk of Ornelas to housing office hours to RHA meetings. There's a lot of stuff to deal with, but it's all worth it."

Raymond Wourusa, another RA at Ornelas, advised future RAs to stick with it. She said the job isn't too difficult and is fairly relaxed.

Students with questions about residential life can go to www.tjc.edu/housing.

East Texas attractions provide students with summer activities

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As the great poets the Fresh Prince and DJ Jazzy Jeff once said, "Summer summer summertime, time to sit back and unwind..."

With school coming to a halt soon and summertime beginning, many students are thinking of ways to beat the "summer madness." Whether it's enjoying cool splash or a fun-filled evening at the park, there's always something to do.

"I plan on living at softball and baseball fields with the kids," BCIS Instructor Lynn Brooks said, "and relaxing in our pool that we just bought. I'm also teaching an evening class this summer."

The song continues, "Sittin' with your friends as y'all reminisce about the days growing up and the first person you kiss..." For some, summer is a time to relax from school and work, and focus on activities with family and friends.

"I plan on working and spending more time with daughter," TJC sophomore Christina Fuentes said.

"Six o'clock rolls around / You just finished wiping your car down / It's time to cruise so you head to the summertime hangout..."

Local businesses such as The Villages Resort, Green Acres Bowling Alley, and Putt-Putt Golf and Games offer such hangouts for families and friends to enjoy the warming weather.

The Villages have a new water park for the family; it contains

slides, a lazy river and adventurous activities for the kids.

"The facility is enclosed and has an all-day pass for visitors," Marketing Manager Jeremy Maldonado said. The Villages Resort operation hours are Wednesday through Friday 12-8 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Memorial Day when it will open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. everyday.

Putt-Putt Golf and Games is another East Texas activity center for family and friends. It has an arcade, putt-putt golfing, and daily birthday specials.

"We are an amusement style business," owner Kathryn Adair said. They offer group rates for parties of 10 or more for \$8 each receiving one drink, an ice cream bar, two tokens for games, and two putt-putt golf games.

If you want to go out of town and enjoy a day of fun and adventure, Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington may be a considerable option for those who don't mind the trip out of town. Six Flags Over Texas has some scheduled activities and concerts for the amusement park season.

"We have a glow-in-the-park parade, Julio Chavez, guest services manager at Six Flags, said. "All the lights in the pathway will be off May 23 [through] August 16."

Six Flags will continue their summer concert tradition, featuring Raven-Symoné from the Disney Channel series "That's So Raven" on July 4 weekend, pop-punk band Boys Like Girls on June 27, and many more.



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

"All are free with park admission," Chavez said.

With so many planned events and activities, there is an endless amount of space for a boring summer.

Whether you're seeking the simple pleasures of a dip in the pool or the exciting roar of an amusement park, you have plenty of chances to come up with your own "definition of summer madness."

Clubs and organizations add extra spice to TJC life

By Teresa Ramirez
Staff Writer

No matter what religion students are, what hobbies they enjoy, and what ethnicity they are, Tyler Junior College makes it possible for all students to be involved in a club or organization.

There are 4 different categories that clubs and organizations are divided into, which include religious, social, governmental, and honorary.

If there is not an existing club or organization on campus that captures a student's interest, then he or she can create one with the help of a sponsor, who would have to be a TJC staff or faculty. Applications can be picked up at the Center for Student Life and Involvement (CSLI) in the second floor of the Rogers Student Center.

Agriculture Club: The Agriculture Club is open to any TJC student interested in Agriculture, regardless of their major. There are no requirements or fees to join. Contact Jeannie Lafferty at 903-510-2238 or by e-mail at jlaf@tjc.edu.

Apache Band: The Apache Band is a TJC program that is open to all students who qualify by audition. They perform at parades, football games, and in many other locations and events. For audition requirements and deadlines, visit www.tjc.edu/band. Contact Thomas Mensch, Director of Apache Band, at 903-510-2242 or by e-mail at tmen@tjc.edu.

Apache Belles: Apache Belles are a team of females that are worldwide famous for their dances and drill team performances. Next auditions are during the summer on June 13 and 14. Contact Ruth Flynn at 903-510-2244 or by e-mail at rfly@tjc.edu or visit www.apachebelles.com for requirements, history and more.

Apache Chiefs: Apache Chiefs is an organization in which members are leaders who represent TJC at various institutional and community events. Contact First Year Experience's coordinator, Ashleigh Lewis, at 902-510-3751 or by e-mail at fye@tjc.edu.

Apache Guard: the Apache Guard members are present in every football game and student life events. No fees are required to join and students can turn Apache Guard application any time. Contact Vincent Nguyen at 903-510-2259 or by e-mail at vngu@tjc.edu.

Apache Respiratory Care Club: The APCC is open to any current TJC student who is interested in respiratory care as a profession. Contact Phillis Brunner, at 903-510-2472 or by e-mail at pbru@tjc.edu.

Apaches Activity Council: AAC members are involved with organizing concerts and many big TJC events. It is open to any student that is interested. "Basically our mission is to bring fun to the school and to get students involved in the school," Jeff Smith, president of AAC, said. Meetings are every Monday at 4 p.m. in the Student Affairs office at the second floor of the Rogers Student Center. Contact Vincent Nguyen, at 903-510-2259 or by e-mail at vngu@tjc.edu.

Art Club: Students with a desire to express themselves, learn, and that are fascinated with visual arts may want to join TJC's Art Club. Students do not have to be Art majors to join and it is free of charge. The Art Club meets every Wednesday at noon in the Jenkins Hall Art Department Lobby. Contact Derrick White at (903) 510-2233 or by e-mail at dwhi@tjc.edu.

Association for Computer Machinery: Students with an interest in computers would possibly like to join the ACM club. ACM encourages students to use computers for school, work and for simply enjoyment. Contact Gigi Delk, at 903-510-2200 or by e-mail at gdel@tjc.edu.

Association of Baptist Students: the ABS is a Baptist based organization where people can go, socialize and spiritually grow. They invite everyone to come and be a part of their organization without any requirements. The ABS serves free lunch on Mondays from noon to 1 p.m. and have bible study every Monday at 7 p.m. Contact ABS' director, Steve Gray, at 903-593-8563.

Baptist Student Ministries: The BSM represents the Baptist faith on the TJC campus. They provide free lunch every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and have free Pancakes and Bacon nights every Thursdays from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. They are involved in community service and mission trips. "My hope is that students would know that we are here for them," Mark Jones, Director of the BSM, said. Contact Mark Jones at 903-592-0382 or e-mail the BSM at tylerbsm@yahoo.com.

Bicycle Club: TJC students, faculty, and staff are invited to join TJC's Bicycle Club.



Courtesy Photo

ART CLUB Members of the TJC Art Club are seen together with the food collected after their annual food drive.

The club promotes physical fitness through bicycle related activities and has succeeded in setting bike racks on campus. Students can join any time. Meetings will be announced. Contact Dr. Kahne Parsons at 903-510-2454 or by e-mail at kpar@tjc.edu.

Cheerleaders: TJC Cheerleaders are full-time student athletes who promote school spirit. They are very active with community service. In order to become a cheerleader, students must audition. Next auditions are on May 2nd and 3rd. Contact Charles Chester at 903-510-3183 or by e-mail at cche@tjc.edu or visit <http://www2.tjc.edu/cheerleading>.

Chess Club: The Chess Club is a new club on campus that is open to all TJC students, faculty and staff who are interested in playing chess. There is no fee to become a member and chess sets are provided by the Chess Club. Meeting dates and times will be announced. Contact Sherry Towns, at 903-510-2366 or by e-mail at stow@tjc.edu

Club Tennis: Club Tennis is a new organization that is open to any TJC student that is interested in Tennis. Meetings are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the JoAnn Meadlock Murphy Tennis Center. Contact Coach Kimm Ketelsen at 903-510-2473 or by e-mail at kket@tjc.edu.

Criminal Justice Student's Association: Students who are majoring in Criminal Justice or in any related field are invited to join the CJSA club. "We touch base with every part of the criminal justice division ranging from corrections, prisons, court systems, and law enforcement," Jeff Smith, a Criminal Justice major, said. CJSA meetings are every other Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are held in the Pirtle Technology Building in room T-200. Contact Jason Waller at 903-510-2785 or by e-mail at jwal@tjc.edu.

Cricket Club: the Cricket Club invites students who are interested in the Cricket sport. There are no requirements for students to join the Cricket Club. Contact Ishmael Benjamin, at 903-510-2613 or by e-mail at iben@tjc.edu.

Deaf Connection: The Deaf Connection club is for any TJC student who is interested in sign language. Members do not have to be hearing-impaired to join. Club meetings are on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 2:30 p.m. at the Potter Hall building on room P-106. Contact Elizabeth Crook, at 903-510-2275 or by e-mail at ecro@tjc.edu.

Delta Psi Omega: Delta Psi Omega is the National honor fraternity for theater for junior colleges. Students who are interested in joining must accumulate 250 points, which they gain by helping out in play productions and pay a \$15 fee. Members from Las Mascaras who want to become members have their points carried over to the 250-point gathering. Contact David Crawford at 903-510-2678 or by e-mail at dcra@tjc.edu.

Geology Club: Anyone who enjoys geology or is interested in different types of rocks and fossils can be part of the Geology Club. Contact Marsha Layton at 903-510-2227 or by e-mail at mlay@tjc.edu.

Harmony and Understanding: is one of the three choir assembles. Twelve students are selected to join Harmony and Understanding by audition. Contact Nathan Russell, Director of Choral Activities, at 903-510-3265 or by e-mail at nrus@tjc.edu.

Hispanic Student Organization: HSO is open to all students, regardless of ethnicity. HSO is an organization that promotes and expands higher education to Hispanic students. HSO meetings are held at the Board Room of the White Administration building every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Contact HSO sponsors Nidia Hassan at 903-510-2883 or by e-mail at nhas@tjc.edu.

International Education Club: TJC'S International Education Club provides global education projects and opportunities for TJC students. Contact Dr. Manoucher Khos-

rowshahi (a.k.a. Dr. K) at 903-510-2279 or by e-mail at mkho@tjc.edu.

Kappa Kappa Psi: Kappa Kappa Psi is a national band fraternity in which males that are in the TJC band program can apply for. Their main purpose is to assist the band director on what he needs done for the success of the band and their performance. Contact Brian Turman, at 903-510-2420 or by e-mail at btur@tjc.edu.

Las Mascaras: (Drama Club)- Las Mascaras is for any TJC student who is interested in dramatic arts. Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the Green Room of the Wise Cultural Arts building. Contact David Crawford at 903-510-2678 or by e-mail at dcra@tjc.edu.

Math Club: The Math Club is a new club on campus that encourages all TJC students that enjoy math to join. Meeting dates and times are to be announced. Contact Math Club's sponsor, Steve Green, by e-mail at sgre@tjc.edu.

Phi Rho Pi: Phi Rho Pi invites students with an interested in debating, interpreting, and competitive speech to join the club. They are also trained to judge high school tournaments. Contact M'Liss Hindman, at 903-510-2206 or by e-mail at mhin@tjc.edu.

Phi Theta Kappa: PTK is an honorary organization. Membership is by invitation only, which students receive if they get a 3.5 GPA or above. Students who want to be involved in PTK but do not have a 3.5 GPA would be considered provisional members. Contact Gigi Delk, at 903-510-2355 or by e-mail at gdel@tjc.edu.

Press Club: The Press Club is for everyone at TJC that wants to discuss what is happening on the TJC campus and in the community, as well as what needs to be covered in the Apache Pow Wow. Meetings are held every first and third Thursday of every month at 4 p.m. in the Potter building in room P-204. Contact Laura Krantz, at 903-510-2335 or by e-mail at lkra@tjc.edu.

Residential Hall Association: RHA is said to be the voice of the residents. Any student that lives in the TJC dorms is automatically a member. Active members put together events to make living on campus for the residents fun, address issues in the residence halls and are involved with community service. Meetings are held every other Monday at 6 p.m. in the Ornelas Gold Room. Contact Angela Nuñez at 903-510-2345 or by e-mail at anun@tjc.edu.

Student Senate: Student Senate is the student body government of TJC. Their purpose is to promote better relationships among student, resolve certain issues throughout campus and to provide educational and well-mannered entertainment for students. Anyone can attend Student Senate meetings, which are held every other Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Board Room of the White Administrative Services Center building. Contact Vincent Nguyen, at 903-510-2259 or by e-mail at vngu@tjc.edu.

Tae Kwon Do Club: The Tae Kwon Do Club is a new club on campus. It is open to any current TJC student, faculty and staff who is interested in martial arts. Members can be beginners or experts. Contact Max Nash at mnas@tjc.edu.

Tau Beta Sigma: Tau Beta Sigma is a national band fraternity in which females that are in the TJC band program can apply for. Their main purpose is to assist the Band director on what he needs done for the success of the band. They are also involved with community service throughout the school semesters. Contact Thomas McGowan, at 903-510-2375 or by e-mail at tmcg@tjc.edu.

Track Club: The Track Club is a new club that welcomes any student who is interested. "It's seasonal. So like the track season is on the spring," Ishmael Benjamin, Track Club's sponsor, said. As a result, interested students who want to be members ought to join in the spring semester. Contact Ishmael Benjamin at 903-510-2613 or by e-mail at iben@tjc.edu.

Voices of Worship: The Voices of Worship organization sing gospel music at local Christian churches and are involved in community service projects. Practice meetings are held at the Wesley Foundation on Mondays at 7:45 p.m. They also meet on Wednesdays for bible study and practice at 6:15 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation. All walk-ins are welcomed. Contact Felisa Young at 903-539-4869.

Wesley Foundation: the Wesley Foundation represents the Methodist faith at TJC. They provide free lunch every Tuesday from 11a.m. to 1p.m. and they are open to everyone. They have free coffee house every Thursday from 1 a.m. to 1 p.m., bible study on Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. and have worship on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Gayle Robinson at 903-592-3866.

Spring 2009 Final Exam Schedule

Classes Starting	Exam Date	Exam Time
8 a.m., MWF	Monday, May 4	8-9:50 a.m.
10 a.m., MWF	Monday, May 4	10-11:50 a.m.
12 p.m., MWF	Monday, May 4	12-1:50 p.m.
2 p.m., MWF & 2:25 p.m., MW	Monday, May 4	2-3:50 p.m.
7 a.m., TR	Tuesday, May 5	7-8:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m., TR	Tuesday, May 5	9:50-11:40 a.m.
12:40 & 1 p.m., TR	Tuesday, May 5	12:40-2:30 p.m.
3, 3:30 & 3:50 p.m., TR	Tuesday, May 5	3-4:50 p.m.
7 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 6	7-8:50 a.m.
9 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 6	9-10:50 a.m.
11 a.m., MWF	Wednesday, May 6	11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
1 p.m., MWF & 1 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 6	1-2:50 p.m.
3 & 3:50 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 6	3-4:50 p.m.
8:25 a.m., TR	Thursday, May 7	8:25-10:15 a.m.
11:15 a.m., TR	Thursday, May 7	11:15 a.m.-1:05 p.m.
2:05 p.m., TR	Thursday, May 7	2:05-3:55 p.m.
Evening Classes		
5:35 & 6 p.m., M	Monday, May 4	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., M	Monday, May 4	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., T & TR	Tuesday, May 5	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., T & TR	Tuesday, May 5	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., MW	Wednesday, May 6	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., W & MW	Wednesday, May 6	7:35-9:25 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m., R	Thursday, May 7	5:35-7:25 p.m.
7 p.m., R & 8:25 p.m., TR	Thursday, May 7	7:35-9:25 p.m.

All weekend class exams will be during regularly scheduled class times.

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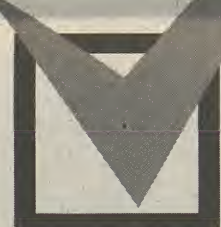
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"The Metro Athletic Conference being a non-athletic scholarship conference decided the future of our conference is best served by having member institutions that compete at the Division-III non-athletic scholarship level within all sports.

Tyler is a Division I institution with the exception of baseball. Tyler offers athletic scholarships in all sports except baseball."

This amendment came after Cisco Junior College dropped their men's soccer program from D-I to D-III, and applied their soccer team for MAC membership, which was denied.

"The MAC folks supposedly got together and decided they didn't want bigger institutions using [MAC] to develop their D-III sports in," Dr. Drain said.

In order to keep institutions like Cisco out and to remove TJC, MAC amended their constitution to only allow schools that participate as D-III in all sports.

On the Dallas County Community College Web site, under the MAC link, there is the MAC joining policy. Updated on April 1, when the new amendment went into effect, the only bolded text in the entire document states:

"All Sports offered by a college wishing to participate within the MAC must play at the Division III level in all their sports."

"That was not a decision of my office or one the NJCAA made, that was a conference decision," Mark



Photo by Griffin Blackburn

IN THE DUGOUT An abandoned baseball rests on the dugout benches at Mike Carter Field, the baseball field where TJC's team hosts their games. The next game will be on May 2 against Blinn College at 2 p.m.

Krug, director of sports information and media relations for the National Junior College Athletics Association, said. "The conference is run by its members."

The MAC consists of six schools; Brookhaven College, Cedar Valley College, Eastfield College, Mountain View College, Northlake College, and Richland College. The

member schools meet and vote on decisions like the new amendment.

"There was no rule against us joining. We are D-III in baseball, and requested to join their conference in 2004. In 2005, we began play," Dr. Drain said.

Joining the MAC in 2005, the Apaches became MAC champions in 2007 and 2008, District C

champs in 2007, District runners-up in 2008, and National Champions in 2007.

TJC has a lot of decisions to make on the future of its baseball team. One route the team could take is to remain an independent team in conference 14 of the NJCAA.

"We were an independent D-III baseball team for two years, and

it was a real big challenge," John Groth, head baseball coach for Tyler Junior College, said.

The biggest challenge with playing as an independent is the scheduling. Tyler is the only D-III baseball team in the district. They can play as many as 56 games in the spring, 20 games are already scheduled and 36 games need to be scheduled in a conference where there are no other D-III teams.

The other option for the Apaches is to give out scholarships and become a D-I baseball program.

"There are 35 junior colleges in Texas that play D-I baseball. We would go right back into the conference we were in, naturally," Coach Groth said.

Before 2002, TJC played D-I baseball for 10 consecutive years. The schedule of games would resemble the schedule they had when they played D-I in the past.

With the current state of the economy, the problem lies in finding the funding to award scholarships for current players and prospective players.

"Right now there are more questions than answers in where we are headed," Coach Groth said.

The one sure thing is TJC will finish out this season's schedule in the MAC. They currently are ranked third in the country and have a conference record of 28-5.

"Worse things could happen. We'll survive and find a way and look at our options and figure out where to go next," Dr. Drain said.

TJC offering variety of summer sport camps to young athletes

By Erica Smith
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College is offering a variety of summer athletic camps for young adults and children who would like to "fine tune" their athletic skills. Primarily TJC players and coaches teach these camps so young adults can get the first-hand experience and skills they will need as their athletic careers continue.

There are a variety of camps such as baseball, basketball, football youth camps, soccer, tennis and volleyball camps. There are also two sessions of aquatic and swimming camps.

In the aquatic camp, participants begin with introductory work on swimming skills. This camp also encourages and promotes physical fitness while campers are having fun learn-

CAMPS

Sports offered:

Baseball, basketball, football youth camps, soccer, tennis and volleyball

ing and maintaining good sportsmanship and developing good social skills.

As well as introductory classes, there are other classes available such as water safety, aquatic games, introduction to snorkeling and scuba.

However, most of the camps have a distinct advantage over other similar programs. TJC coaches and players will help run each one. The youth football program is popular among young boys ages 10-17 who are hoping to make

football a career.

"Boys and girls can enroll in the camp ages sixth- through eighth-grade and ninth- through 11th-grade," Robert Mahon, offensive coordinator for the TJC Football Team, said. "Only a handful of girls usually come though."

Having the coaches and players there to help the children and teenagers gives them an advantage. They get to learn from real college coaches and players on how to improve their game and hopefully be able to turn expert advice into skills that could help them get to the college level.

"Some players will help out over the summer," Mahon said. "Some of them write papers on the experience or help out to get community service hours."

Players helping with the program learn

good teaching skills and get a chance to "bond" with younger children that may look up to them as role models. It gives TJC a wider fan base in the community when children find a TJC athlete they can follow all season.

Mahon said that the kids would learn all of the basics such as punting, passing, and kicking with guidance from TJC coaches and players.

For each of the athletic camps, students need to bring workout clothes, the proper shoes, water bottles and snacks. Some camps, like the tennis camp, have what they call "resident campers." These campers need to bring twin bed sheets, blankets and toiletries.

Resident participants will stay in air-conditioned resident halls and are supervised at all times. Driving students turn in their car keys at registration.

Men's golf team outlasts the Bearcats and mother nature

By Aaron Boone
Sports Editor

It helps to be a morning person if you are a golfer. It's still cool outside, the sun is just coming up to begin its long day of work and dew still coats the fairways, greens and tee boxes. The stage is set for TJC's Men's Golf Team; they have yet another opportunity to win a Region XIV title, and one last chance to prepare for the national tournament in May.

Player's with the early tee times, around 7 p.m., will already be on the driving range trying to get a feel for that particular day's swing. Starting with shorter shots that require short swings to accurately strike their targets; repetition is key.

Players make their way through their driving range routine, practicing shots that will be needed at one point or another throughout their round. Some players will be thinking about their putting, their chipping or maybe about how they want to still be asleep. Other players may choose the comfort of their iPod over whatever thoughts might be clouding their mind.

Driving range sessions are followed by trips to the practice bunkers, the all-important trek to the practice green and a stop by the pro-shop to pick up a Gatorade, or maybe an energy bar to help with fatigue when the golfers make the turn. After a quick team pep talk by Sandy Terry, TJC's head golf coach, the first pairings head for their starting tee box and the day begins.

On April 26-27, the Apaches teed it up in Bullard at Oakhurst



Photo by Aaron Boone

DARK CLOUDS dominated the skies both Monday and Tuesday during the men and women's Regional Championship. However, that didn't stop the Apache men or women from winning the tournament.

Golf Course where the Region 14 tournament was held. This was the team's second time to play a tournament at that location this year. They took second place back in 2008, losing to rival Lon Morris College by a total of 23 strokes.

"There is nothing in particular that we did wrong on the course the last time we played out there," Terry said. "We just got outplayed."

And while that may be true back in October, it certainly didn't hap-

pen much this semester. The team has performed well for their coach in 2009, placing second in four different events with some fields having as many as 23 teams in them.

The team had a lot to look forward to; however, because they posted their best aggregate two-day score of 584 (eight over par) at the par-72 Oakhurst Golf Course. According to Golfstat.com, TJC has yet to beat out their regional rival Lon Morris College in any tournament the two

schools have both been entered into. Yet, Terry continues to preach patience.

"As a team, we have to continue to be patient. The national tournament is a five player, 72-hole marathon, and I believe it's important to stay patient," Terry said. "This upcoming tournament is not just a tournament. It's for the regional championship. We want to win that championship."

As it turns out, neither the det-

perimental weather or thoughts of another national championship got in the way of the Apache men. Led by James Glenn's 72, 74, 71 (217), the Apaches captured first place in the Region 14 tournament by shooting a total three-round score of 886, beating bitter rival Lon Morris College by a mere two strokes. All the Apaches have to look forward to now is the NJCAA National Tournament at Goose Pond Colony in Scottsboro, Ala.

Former Apache drafted into NFL by Chicago Bears

By Matt Loving
Associate Editor

Former Apache wide receiver Johnny Knox was selected by the Chicago Bears in the 5th round as the 140th overall pick in this years NFL draft.

While still wearing the black and gold, Knox grabbed All-Southwest Conference and second team All-American honors as he led the NJCAA in touchdowns and yards-per-catch in 2006.

NJCAA also named Knox the offensive player of the week for his performance in games during the week of Sept. 4, 2006.

After his career at TJC, Knox continued to play football for Abilene Christian University.

Not highly recruited out of Channelview High School in Houston, Knox came to TJC to develop his abilities and improve the awareness of his talent by Division I schools. His greatest asset was speed.

"He comes from a smaller level of competition, but



Johnny Knox

the athleticism and the speed were just too good to pass up," said Greg Gabriel, Chicago's director of college scouting.

Knox ran the second fastest time at the NFL combine with a 4.31 40-yard dash.

Draft guru Todd McShay said to expect Knox to contribute on special teams and be involved in sub-packages for the offense, while fellow prospect expert Mel Kiper Jr. called Knox a "good pick."

Stemming from the addition of players like Jarron Gilbert and other rookies such as Henry Melton, along with Knox, the Bears were given grades of two As and five Bs from their picks in the draft.

General Manager, Johnny Angelo, said pre-draft that if a receiver was taken in the first four rounds, then the team would expect that player to be a factor the first year.

Johnny fell out of that category coming in the fifth, but the expected learning curve has been set by the Bears at about two years for incoming rookies.

"We're proud of all our athletes..., but [Knox] beat incredible odds to make it as a professional athlete," said Tim Drain, TJC athletic director. "There was talk back then that Johnny had incredible talent and a good chance to play."

Knox is not the first player to come out of the Apache football program to make it in the NFL. Currently five other players, including Super Bowl champion Mitch Berger who punted for the Steelers in 2008, are on NFL teams.

TJC has seen success from former Apaches in Super Bowl games for three consecutive years.

Berger became the third Apache to be a part of the winning Super Bowl team, as Pittsburgh Steelers squeaked out the victory with a touchdown pass by Ben Roethlisberger and catch by Santonio Holmes with 35 seconds left to beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23.

Berger played football at TJC during the 1990 football season. He later transferred to the University of Colorado, where he was the starting punter for three seasons.

He first played in the NFL for the Philadelphia Eagles in 1994. He has spent 14 seasons in the NFL and has made two Pro Bowls and one Super Bowl.

Two years ago, Super Bowl XLII also had a former Apache. Safety Michael Johnson played for the New York Giants, also the winning team.

Three years ago in Super Bowl XLI, former Apache Dominic Rhodes held the running back position for the Indianapolis Colts, again, the winning team.

49ers thrilled Crabtree fell to them during NFL drafting

By Daniel Brown
San Jose Mercury News

Shortly after taking Michael Crabtree with No. 10 pick in the draft on Saturday, Coach Mike Singletary was on the phone with the Texas Tech receiver.

"How do you feel about being a 49er?" Singletary asked him.

"Coach, I feel great about that," Crabtree answered.

The feeling is mutual. As the dynamic receiver slipped down the draft board, the 49ers grew increasingly giddy. To their shock, the most accomplished pass-catcher in draft fell right into their laps.

It took some help from the Raiders, who rattled the draft board by making Darrius Heyward-Bey the first receiver chosen at No. 7. But the Jaguars and Packers passed too, leaving the 49ers on the clock.

They could've been on a stopwatch.

"Once he was there, it was over," General Manager Scot McCloughan said.

Crabtree caught 231 passes, 41 for touchdowns in just two seasons with the Red Raiders. He is 6 feet 2 inches and 215 pounds and brings just about every skill on the receiver checklist — Crabtree can run after the catch, make grabs in traffic and block like a lineman.

About the only thing he lacks is elite straight-line speed. His 40-yard time is listed at 4.53 seconds, which explains why the speed-loving Raiders yawned and instead took Heyward-Bey, whose 4.29 was the fastest among all players at the scout-

ing combine.

Still, Crabtree is somehow always swift enough to be in the right place. As the NFL Network's Mike Mayock said in addressing the pick: "I don't know how fast he is and I don't care. Just look at the tape."

The 49ers looked at the film and saw a receiver athletic enough to make catches in traffic and strong enough to beat press coverage. Citing Arizona's Pro Bowl receiver, McCloughan called Crabtree "the closest thing I've seen to Anquan Boldin."

Crabtree, a native of Dallas, has another comparison in mind. "I've got a little Michael Irvin in me," he said.

To some teams, the link to Irvin might seem a little too apt. There were rumblings that Crabtree acted like a prima donna during his pre-draft interviews, turning off teams with his ego and entourage. The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported that the Browns, at No. 5, went so far as to cross Crabtree off their draft list because of his behavior at team headquarters.

The 49ers heard the rumblings, too, so Singletary, a Texas native himself, picked up the phone to find out more about the player, his family and his background. Singletary even called the ultimate prima donna, Deion Sanders, who knows Crabtree well.

Sanders assured him that the receiver was just a confident kid who knows who he is and what he wants to achieve.

"A little swagger is fine with me," Singletary said.

Crabtree's slide down the draft board probably has more to do with his foot than his mouth. He had surgery during the off-season to repair a stress fracture in his foot. The recovery time

is estimated at two months, meaning Crabtree will be limited to the walk-through portion of the 49ers' rookie mini-camp next Saturday.

The 49ers expect Crabtree to be 100 percent by the start of training camp, McCloughan said. Crabtree said: "I was just waiting on any team to pick me. I'm a 49er now, so I'm ready to run."

Crabtree seemed unfazed by questions about his speed. "I've never been caught from behind," he said. "And I'd like to keep it that way."

Crabtree's football career began as a standout quarterback at Carter High in Dallas, where he was also such a talented basketball player that Bobby Knight tried to recruit him to play basketball at Texas Tech.

Crabtree once took a football recruiting trip to Texas, but the Longhorns wanted to convert him to cornerback. That was a deal-killer.

"I score touchdowns," Crabtree told them.

The 49ers haven't had a receiver reach 1,000 yards since Terrell Owens in 2003. The team's leading receiver from last season, Isaac Bruce (835 yards), turns 37 in November.

But along with fellow youngster Josh Morgan, Crabtree suddenly brings hope to the 49ers' long stagnant offense. Other receivers on the roster include Jason Hill, Brandon Jones and Arnaz Battle.

So where do they all fit?

"We'll figure it out," Singletary said. "The most important thing is, we've got a playmaker."
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To curb cheating in their program, Kilgore College is now testing all students at the same time in the same room on computers. After a student completes the test, they are able to see the questions that were missed. However, TJC nursing students are not as happy with the program's attempt to deter cheating.

When the students went to their teachers to discuss this matter, several said they were met with a loud and resounding "this is not up for discussion" response.

According to the TJC Student Handbook and the grievance policy outlined in it, if a student has an issue with a non-grade related policy, they must go to the faculty. Since the students did not feel like their concerns were being heard at that level, they turned to the Student Senate and attended the April 14 meeting to see what rights they had in the matter.

"The students did not follow the correct procedure for the matter," Provost, Dr. "Butch" Hayes said. "The Student Senate should not have been involved."

But, the students were not sure what to do after they had been turned away from the faculty.

"We went to the Senate because we didn't know what to do about it," said the nursing student.

The difference of opinion seems to be that the students feel that the tests are learning tools, but the faculty see it differently.

"We give the students books as learning tools-exams are evaluation tools," Seeton said.

Although Ms. Seeton feels as if the classroom materials serve the educational interest, the students do not feel the same way.

"We are graded according to our test. If we do not know what we missed, how are we going to correct it?" the nursing student said. "This is our livelihood and future."

Another student who asked to also remain anonymous feels the same.

"By seeing the test, I can see the patterns of what I missed. Everyone knows the concept," this fourth-semester nursing student said. "If the teachers had never made a mistake

on a test that would be one thing, but there are grammatical errors and misspellings, also mistakes on the answers from what was counted wrong and the answer in the book."

After the students went to the Student Senate they were referred to the grievance process outlined in the student handbook and, with the help of the Student Senate, issued a formal complaint.

In order to do that, 18 students, four from each level of the program and two from the Jacksonville campus, met with the faculty and the Dean of Allied Health and Nursing Paul Monagan on April 16 to present the problem officially to them.

Each had a chance to voice their opinions on the matter with Dean Monagan writing down the complaints on a board. After the meeting was over, the complaints were compiled into one document and that served as the student's written complaint.

"Step two of the grievance policy is to issue a written complaint to the faculty, and that is what I was there for, just simply as a scribe," Dean Monagan said. "After that, the written response was given to the faculty. They had five days to come to respond to the students about the concerns."

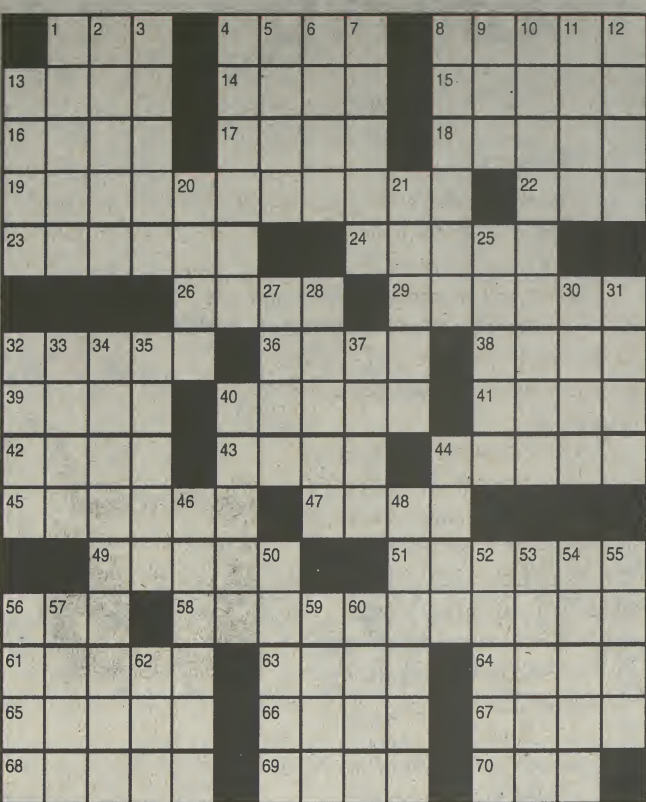
The faculty issued their response on April 24. "After careful consideration of the concerns voiced by the nursing students related to the current test review policy, the faculty of the Associate Degree Nursing Program, recommended individualized student testing feedback." The method of feedback will be determined per course by the student's faculty in either the classroom or individually. The response stated that the Dean and the Provost are also working toward issues concerning the testing center. The change will go into affect beginning Fall 2009.

After the faculty response is given to all the students in each of the four levels of the program, the students can either choose to accept or reject the resolution.

At press time, a response by the students had not been made. For updates check www.tjcnewspaper.com.

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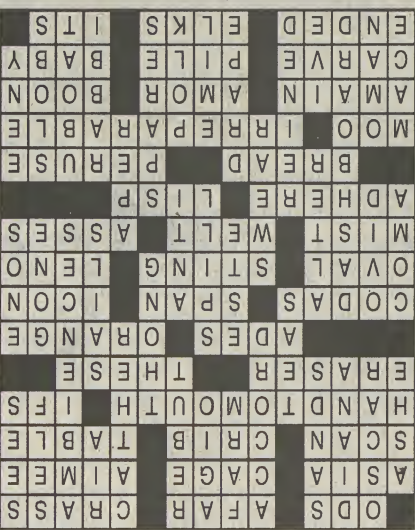
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- 14 Canary's home
- 15 __ Sample McPherson
- 16 Look over
- 17 Bed for the baby
- 18 Put aside for later
- 19 Living from __; earning barely enough
- 22 Suppositions
- 23 Pencil's end
- 24 Not those
- 26 Fruity drinks
- 29 Fruit with navel
- 32 Musical conclusions
- 36 Bridge
- 38 Screen image
- 39 Racetrack, e.g.
- 40 Lead singer of The Police
- 41 Carson's successor
- 42 Weather word
- 43 Skin mark
- 44 Jack and jenny
- 45 Cling
- 47 Speak imperfectly
- 49 Baker's output
- 51 Read carefully
- 56 Bovine bellow
- 58 Unable to be fixed
- 61 Hastily
- 63 Spanish love
- 64 Blessing
- 65 Whittle
- 66 Mound
- 67 Young one
- 68 Wrapped up
- 69 Big game
- 70 __ a Wonderful Life"
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- 2 Princes' mum
- 3 Smooths
- 4 Agreement
- 5 Work the soil
- 6 Exchange fee
- 7 Disprove
- 8 Author Willa
- 9 Narrow inlet
- 10 Distinctive atmospheres
- 11 Word with him or my
- 12 Notices
- 13 Arthur of tennis
- 20 Indian exports
- 21 Immodest beachwear
- 25 Leaves shore
- 27 This: Sp.
- 28 Be messy
- 30 Away
- 31 Baseball's Slaughter
- 32 Unconscious state
- 33 Poet who was exiled in 8 A.D.
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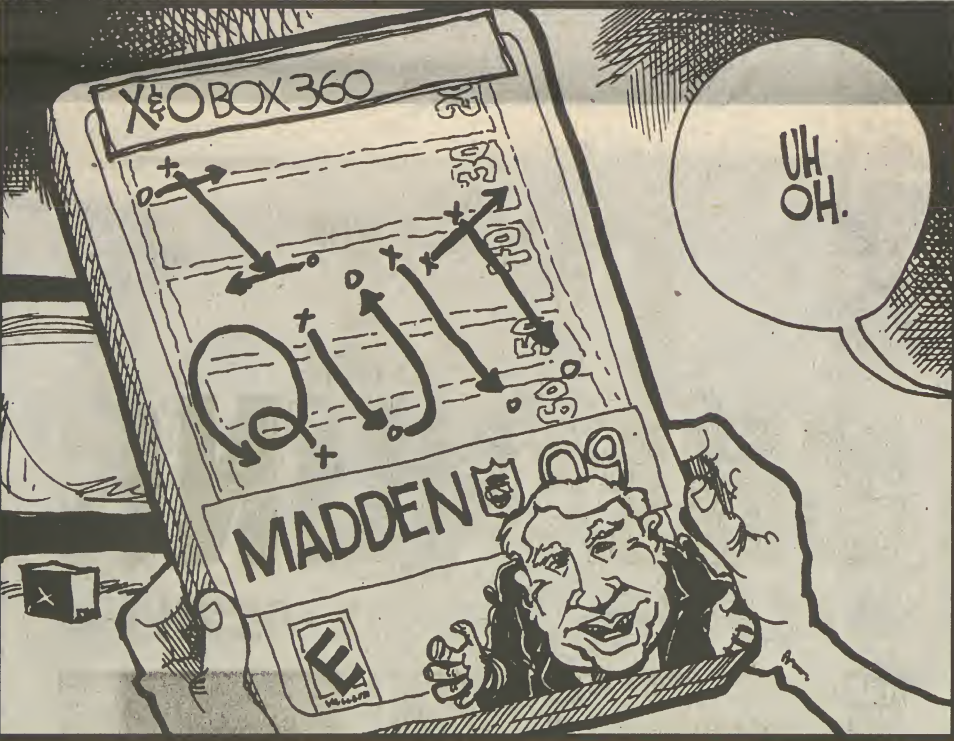
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DANCEFEST 7:30 p.m.

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LOW BRASS STUDIO RECITAL 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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SUMMER I TERM ENDS

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SUMMER II TERM BEGINS

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OFFICIAL REPORTING DAY, SUMMER II TERM

August 3

LAST DAY TO DROP A CLASS, SUMMER II TERM &
LONG SUMMER TERM

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FINAL EXAMS, SUMMER II TERM & LONG SUMMER
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Spring Fling



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DAY OF ACTIVITIES The 20th Anniversary of the annual Spring Fling event took place on April 24 on the TJC Intramural Field. Top, TJC students participated in the water balloon toss, one of the many activities held during Spring Fling. Left, Natalie Stovall, the opening performance for the concert sings before playing the fiddle. Below, Los Lonely Boys drummer, Ringo Garza Jr., plays with the rest of the band for the Spring Fling concert. Bottom left and right, students crowd around the stage and cheer as the Los Lonely boys perform.

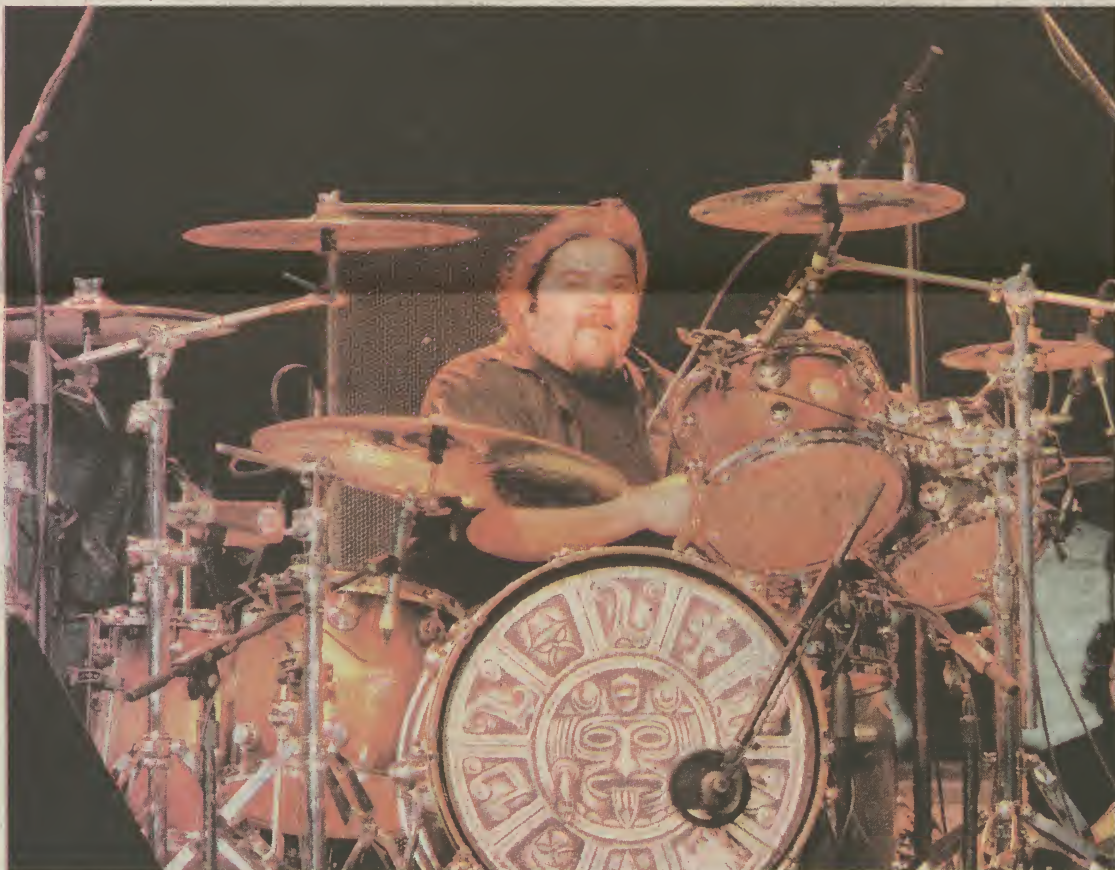


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International Day



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AROUND THE WORLD The annual event International Day was held on April 28 in the Apache Rooms to inform the local community about cultures around the world. Top, Joe Martinez, with the Native American exhibit, dressed in traditional Native American attire for the event. Middle, members of the the USA Chin Woo Lion and Dragon Dance Group hold their dragon for the Chinese exhibit. Right, Melanie Grant of The Dream Harem belly dances during International Day.



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